

In The Specification

Page 28, line 2, after "I.D.", insert -- (Step 512) ---.

Remarks

The paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 27, 1999. A CPA, together with an appropriate extension of time to respond, was filed on July 27, 1999. No fee is due with the present Preliminary Amendment.

Prior to the Office Action, claims 1-38 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 16, 17 and 26-28, rejected claims 1-9, 18-21 and 29-31, and objected to claims 10-15, 22-25 and 32-38 solely as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The present Preliminary Amendment makes no changes to the claims.

I. OBJECTIONS TO THE SPECIFICATION**A. Title**

The title of the application has been replaced by a new title in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

B. Disclosure Informalities.

In paragraph 4.a. of the Office Action, the Examiner requests that references in the specification to certain steps in Applicant's flow charts be enclosed within in parenthesis "to maintain consistency with the specification by indicating that they are decisional steps."